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Bifurcation of the Palakonda taluk.

* 821 Q.—SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government considered a proposal to bifurcate Palakonda taluk into Rajam and Palakonda taluks; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken so far?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (a) No. The Government did not consider any proposal for the bifurcation of Palakonda taluk into Rajam and Palakonda taluks.

" (b) Does not arise."

Overloading in City buses.

* 822 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have allowed overloading in the City buses and if so, to what extent; and

(b) how long overloading will continue?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (a) Yes, Sir. Overloading has been allowed on the tram routes during peak hours without causing inconvenience to bus passengers. No specific limit has been fixed for overloading.

" (b) It will continue till tram service is resumed or till additional buses are put on the road to cope with increased traffic, whichever is earlier."

Health Inspectors.

* 823 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether Health Inspectors are liable to be transferred from one district to another district;

(b) whether they get any special allowance if they are asked to work on special duties like epidemics, plague, cholera, etc.; and

(c) what is the symbol of Health Inspector while on duty?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) The answer is in the negative but Health Inspectors employed in certain Malarial Schemes are given an additional pay of 25 per cent.

" (c) The following uniform has been prescribed for the Health Inspectors while on duty:—

(1) Khaki open coat.

(2) Khaki shirt 'C' collar.

(3) Khaki tie.

(4) Khaki turban with lace border.

(5) Khaki shorts.

(6) Khaki stockings.

(7) Brown boots."

Non-lapsable fund for road-works.

* 824 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have created a non-lapsable fund for road-works; and

(b) if so, the amount of money in such fund now?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) Does not arise."

Allocation of money from Central Road Development Fund to South Kanara.

* 825 Q.—SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether any amount from the Central Road Development Fund has been allotted to the South Kanara District Board for the development of roads during the last three years; and

(b) if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" (a) & (b) A grant of Rs. 4,900 was sanctioned to the District Board in 1950-51 for the construction of a causeway across the Kolichal stream at mile 18/5 of Hosdrug–Panathady road. No grant was sanctioned to the District Board in 1951–52 and 1952–53."

Compounding of offences under the Madras Forest Act.

* 826 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) who are the forest officers specially empowered by the Government under section 55 of the Madras Forest Act to compound offences under the said Act; and

(b) whether it is a part of the executive instructions to the officers empowered to compound offences under the Forest Act, to increase the amount of compounding fee per case and per person from year to year; and, if so, on what grounds instructions were given for increasing the fee?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (a) A statement[a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House.

" (b) No, Sir."

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 884–885 infra.